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At the Court at St. *James's*, *March* 15. 1704.

PRESENT,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

HER *Majesty having been informed, That the States General of the* United Provinces *have granted their Passes to several of their Subjects for Ships to Trade with* France, *divers whereof have nevertheless been brought into Her Majesty's Ports, by Her Majesty's Ships of War, and others, where they are continued under Arrest: And Her Majesty taking into Her serious Consideration the Friendly Regard that ought to be had to the Passes of Sovereigns in Alliance with each other; and having also Intentions to open the Trade with the Dominions of* Spain, *for the Advantage of Her Own Subjects: Is Graciously pleased this Day to Declare in Council, and hereby to signify Her Pleasure, That such Ships belonging to the Subjects of the States General, as have Passes from the said States, and are now under Arrest in any of Her Majesty's Ports, be forthwith discharged. And Her Majesty is pleased further to Declare and Order, That Instructions shall be given for the future to the Commanders of Her Majesty's Ships of War and Privateers, not to bring up or molest either the Ships of Her own Subjects, or those of the Subjects of the States General, furnished with proper Passes from Her Majesty, or the said States General, respectively, so as they do not carry any Goods or Merchandize belonging to the Enemy, nor any Goods or Merchandize which shall be agreed and declared Contraband. And all Commanders of Her Majesty's Ships of War, as well as Privateers, or Merchant Ships having Letters of Marque, are to conform themselves hereunto, notwithstanding any Commissions or Instructions heretofore given them to the contrary: And for their more particular Direction for the future, his Royal Highness, Lord High Admiral, is forthwith to Order such Instructions to be prepared, as may be proper for the Commanders of Ships of War and Privateers in this Behalf, to be delivered to them as soon as may be.*

William Blathwayt.

Lisbon, March 17. *N. S.* The Squadron of Englisth Men of War commanded by Sir Thomas Dilkes, with the Merchant-men and other Vessels under his Convoy, arrived here the 10th Instant: And this morning the whole Fleet, consisting of 23 Englisth, 4 Dutch, and 8 Portuguese Men of War, commanded by Sir John Leake, with Supplies of Men, Stores and Ammunition, on board, set sail for Gibraltar. The Earl of Galway set out from hence this afternoon for Aldea Galega, on the Borders of the Province of Alentejo, where our Forces are drawing together in order to open the Campaign on that side.

Genoua, March 7. *N. S.* Letters from Leghorn of the 4th Instant say, That the Lime and Mary, two Englisth Men of War, were come into Villa-Franca from cruizing. They write from Nice, That two other Englisth Frigats, one called the Tartar, the other the Newport, were come in there from Gibraltar, having left that Place the 16th past. They took at Sea a small French Vessel, but were forced to burn her, she being very leaky.

Turin, March 4. On the 26th past the Enemy before Verue having finished their new Works directed against the Redoubts at the head of our Bridge of Communication, and repaired their other Batteries on the Covered-way, began anew to ply us both with their Cannon and Mortars. The 28th two of their Bombs fell upon the Gallery to one of our Mines, that lay under the Bastion of St. Charles; which taking fire, blew up the Face of the Bastion into the Ditch: It was feared the Enemy would have taken Advantage of the Disorder which the Besieged were put into by this Accident, and would have made an Assault that night; but they remained very quiet, and gave our Men time to clear the Ditch, and repair the Bastion, which was quite finished in two nights time; and our other Works that had been damaged, were put into as good a Condition of Defence as they were at first. Our Duke no sooner heard of the blowing up of the Mine above-mentioned, but he immediately went to Verue, and staid there some time, to give the necessary Orders for repairing the Bastion. The next morning one of our Bombs set fire to some Barrels of Powder which lay near to the Enemy's Batteries. His Royal Highness has ordered a new Mine to be made under the Bastion of St. Charles, which we reckon is before this time finished. All the Works in Verue are undermined, which makes the Enemy very cautious how they advance. Their Miners are very busie at work; and our People often hear them: The Officer who commands our Miners does not doubt of meeting with them before they get far enough to do us any great Damage. On the 2d Instant, about 3 in the morning, the Enemy attacked with great Vigour a little Redoubt at the head of the Bridge over the Po, which was defended by two feeble Battalions, who soon surrendered themselves Prisoners: His Royal Highness and the Count de Staremberg hastened, upon the first Alarm, to the Assistance of our Men, but came too late; and the Enemy, after having disarmed their Prisoners, broke down the Bridge, and lodged themselves in the Redoubt; so that now all Communication with Verue is cut off. However there are 1400 Men in Garison in the Castle, well provided with all Necessaries for a Month, and commanded by Monsieur Freizen, a German, a brave Officer, and under him by the Chevalier d'Entragne, who has commanded as Town-Major during the whole Siege, and behaved himself with a great deal of Gallantry. Our Duke continues in his Camp at Crescentino; but it is believed he will shortly remove from thence, having now no Opportunity of relieving Verue as formerly. A French Detachment, commanded by Monsieur d'Etain is still in the Neighbourhood of Alba, and seems to threaten that Place; but all our Horse being at present on that side, it is not believed they will attempt it. The last week the Enemy's Forces which are in the Valley of Perouse sent out a great Detachment, in order to seize upon some Posts near Pignerol; but the Officers who command in those Valleys having notice of their Design, gave such good Orders, that the Enemy did not think fit to attempt any thing at that time: But we have just now a Report, That 12 of their Battalions are come to a small Town called Vigon, on this side of Pignerol. The Duke de la Feuillade is gathering together a Body of Troops in Provence, and erecting Magazines, in order to besiege Vill-Franca: His Royal Highness has given the necessary Orders for the Defence of that Place, and has ordered a Swiss Battalion to march thither.

Vienna, March 11. Count Lewenstein arrived here two days ago from Francfort; and it is said the Emperor intends to entrust him with the Administration of Affairs in the Electorate of Bavaria. Letters from Presbourg of the 9th Instant say, That Baron Zirmai, with the Two Hungarian Deputies, proceeded from thence the 6th towards Prince Ragotzi's Quarters, with Proposals from this Court in answer to the Demands of the Malecontents for the putting an end to those Troubles. General Heister was said to be near Newchatel, where lay a considerable Body of the Malecontents; so that we may shortly expect to hear of another Action on that side. On this side of the Danube, Count Elte hasi, and Battiani, another of their Generals, have got together between 10 and 12000 Men in the Rabbau, and Count Caroli is with about 3000 Horse between the Towns of St. John and St. Perer, exacting Contributions. The Ban of Croatia is near Oedenbourg, with 1300 Imperial Horse, observing their Motions.

Berlin, March 17. The King went out of Town yesterday, to divert himself for a few days at his Country House at Schonhausen. The day is not yet fixed for the Publick Entry of Monsieur Rosenhan, the King of Sweden's Ambassador. It is said, That the Swedes seem to insist upon such Conditions, that there is yet little appearance of Success in the Negociation which this Court is endeavouring to set on foot for accommodating the Differences between that Crown and the King of Poland. The Marquis de Prie, Ambassador from Savoy, intends this evening to dispatch one of his Gentlemen to the Duke his Master, to acquaint him with the Orders which have been given by this Court for hastening the March of our Forces which are to be sent to his Royal Highness's Assistance.

Hague, March 20. The Transport-Ships with Recruits, Horses, and other Supplies, for the Englisth Forces in these Parts, arrived in the Maese the 13th Instant, without any Loss, although they had been attacked by 5 stout Privateers from Dunkirk; but they were beate off by the Men of War that convoyed them. The Matter relating to the Nomination of the Generals who are to command our Forces the next Campaign, is not yet settled; and is likely to remain undecided till the Arrival of his Grace the Duke of Marlborough. In the mean time our Forces are ordered to be in a readiness to march upon the first Notice they shall receive; and our Officers are all commanded to repair forthwith to their respective

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